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Subject: Regional Profile North Central Coast Study Region (MLPA)

Is the Regional Profile in final form or are you still taking comments?

I am going to assume you are still taking comments and send you these:

Pg 18 states Bodega Bay is a "top birding spot in Sonoma Co." It was in fact designated a Globally Important Bird Area (IBA) in Feb 2001 by National Geographic and American Bird Conservancy. Suggest you contact Madrone Audubon Society for numbers to put in the text as with your cite of 122 species for Tomales (Kelly & Stallcup). Stallcup birds Bodega Bay all the time.

In description, suggest you note that Bodega Head is the northernmost extent of GFNMS and Bodega Rock off the jetty/harbor entrance is a major pinniped haulout. There is no mention here of eelgrass beds in Bodega Bay, much later in report you note this fact. Bodega Marine Lab has research plots in the Bay studying them and they are one reason Brandts stop here on their migrations.

Pinniped historical information for the mouth of the Russian River - Goat Rock Beach Harbor Seal haulout and rookery is available from Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods; also the historical information, including daily counts since 1970s were turned over by Elinor Twohy of Jenner, the data compiler, to the Bodega Marine Lab this year.

Page 42 should list Russian River mouth, Goat Rock Beach Sonoma Coast State Park (note that Sonoma Coast State Beach was designated Sonoma Coast State Park in 2006, so the citation throughout to it as Sonoma Coast State Beach is incorrect), as a major location of large concentration of Harbor seals - at peak 400+ HS.

Pg 44 - Bodega Head is an important observation location/point along the Gray Whale migration, hence the location for the past 20 years of a Whale Watch docent/interpretive program Jan - May sponsored by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, a State Parks Cooperative Association (formerly Stewards of Slavianska).

Page 115 Boat Launch locations - why isn't Spud Point Marina - Bodega Bay Marina listed, as it is the largest of the 4 launches on Bodega Bay?

Page 117 - Tidepooling areas should list Sonoma Coast State Park beaches such as Shell Beach, a key tidepool location for education programs for Sonoma County schools offered by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods; also Doran Beach Regional Park and Pinnacle Rock Beach on the southern extent of Doran has tidepools.

Page 120 - NGOs contribution to research and public education.... should list Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods www.stewardsofthecoastandredwoods.org As a non profit supporting State Parks and the Volunteers in State Parks program for over 20 years focused on the Russian River District - Sonoma Coast State Park and Russian River State Parks (Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek etc), it is a significant organization in its contributions to Sonoma County environmental education, docent programs, research, access and other supporting programs to State Parks to be listed in the text and on Table 44.

Page 138 - Local Government Programs.... should list Sonoma County and Sonoma County Regional Parks as the owner of Doran Regional Park and Spud Point Marina and Westside Park in Bodega Bay and Stillwater Cove north on coast in Sonoma County.

Page 144 - Bodega Head should be capitalized (inconsistent capitalization it is a place name) same comment in para on CBNMS.

Page 152 - seabird colonies - should list Pinnacle Rock at southern most extent of Doran Beach Regional Park is a Brandts Cormorant and Pigeon Guillemot bird rookery.

Page 153 - It is awkward to list UC Bodega Marine Lab in this subregion, rather than subregion 3, as BML is in Bodega Bay! The entrance is on Westshore Road which on the harbor - Bodega Bay.

Page 153 - coastal protected area should also list Bodega Marine Lab Reserve and Bodega Head, the Head is the southern most extent of Sonoma Coast State Park.

Page 154 - Bodega Bay should be capitalized. Bird Rock and Bodega Rock, the island south of Bodega Head and adjacent to the jetty/harbor entrance, along with Pinnacle Rock off Doran Beach are all important bird resting and nesting locations

Page 155 - Gray Whales hug the coast off Pt Reyes AND Bodega Head! Bodega Head is as important a location for sighting Gray Whales as Pt Reyes! With a decent program in place for over 20 years from Jan - May, thousands of people come to Bodega Head to see the migrating whales. It is much more accessible than Pt Reyes and the visitors to the Head also have access to the extensive trail system of this part of Sonoma Coast State Park. The Whale Watch program at Bodega Head predates the one at PRNS lighthouse. See Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods website address above for details.

These are just a few of the items I picked up on in reading the 183 pages of the Profile on the MLPA website. I hope you will be able to use these comments to make appropriate corrections and adjustments.

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